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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

A copy of the listed document is attached.

Japanese KOKAI publication no. 3-13576 was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on August 23, 2000. However, at this time, a partial English translation of the non-English document is being provided. In particular, English translations are being provided of blocks A and B denoted on the enclosed copy of

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publication no. 3-13576. In addition, a single page including an English abstract and other data regarding publication no. 3-13576 is being submitted.

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